

REMARKS

The Office Action dated 01/31/2006 has been carefully considered and the application has been thoroughly reviewed in the light thereof.

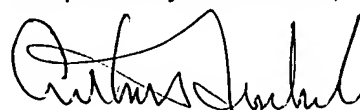
It is noted that original claims 1-22 were rejected based on cited patent 6, 879,695 ('695) on the grounds of (1) judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting and (2) 35 U.S.C. 102 (e, f). Inasmuch as this application has now, by amendment, been converted to a continuation-in-part of said '695 patent, reconsideration and withdrawal of the aforementioned rejection is appropriate and is courteously requested.

Consistent with a telephone discussion with Examiner Dabney on 03/09/2006 a terminal disclaimer is enclosed for filing.

The Office Action also objects to independent claims 1 and 19, together with their dependent claims 2-18, as containing "informalities". To address these objections, as well as to enhance antecedent clarity, claims 1 and 19 have been cancelled in favor of newly presented claims 23 and 24. Dependent claims 2-18 have been amended to depend from claim 23.

Favorable reconsideration is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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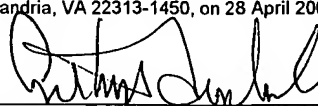
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